



STATE OF WASHINGTON
GAMBLING COMMISSION

"Protect the Public by Ensuring that Gambling is Legal and Honest"

July 13, 2017

FILIFILI TIA
26617 111TH PL SE
KENT, WA 98030

RE: ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION; CR 2016-01835

Dear Mr. Tia:

Enclosed is an Order of Default entered by the Commission on July 13, 2017, revoking your license/certification to conduct gambling activities. This action occurred because you did not timely respond by requesting a hearing to the administrative charges filed on March 10, 2017 against your gambling license/certification.

You have the right to move to vacate this Order. If you do so, we must receive your request by the 10th day after the Order was mailed. Your motion must include the specific grounds upon which relief is requested and must be submitted to:

Washington State Gambling Commission
Attention: Legal & Records Division
P.O. Box 42400
Olympia, WA 98504-2400

You also have the right to submit a Petition for Judicial Review. If you do this, you must submit it within 30 days of the date the Order was mailed. RCW 34.05.514 explains where you must file this petition and RCW 34.05.546 explains what information your Petition must include.

This is not meant to be a full explanation of all the statutes and regulations you would need to understand to move to vacate or Petition for Judicial Review. Please call me at (800) 345-2529, extension 3475, with any questions.

Sincerely,

Haylee P. Mills, Staff Attorney
Legal & Records Division

Enclosure



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**STATE OF WASHINGTON
GAMBLING COMMISSION**

7 In the Matter of:

NO. CR 2016-01835

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FILIFILI TIA,
License No. 68-17098,

FINAL ORDER OF THE
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Licensee.

These matters having come before the Washington State Gambling Commission (Commission) on July 13, 2017 and the Commission makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and issues its Final Order:

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Washington State Gambling Commission issued Filifili Tia, a public card room employee, License number: 68-17098, for employment at Iron Horse Casino in Auburn, Washington.

2. Mr. Tia's license expired on May 16, 2017, and was issued subject to Mr. Tia's compliance with state gambling laws and Commission rules.

3. On or about October 16, 2016, Mr. Tia assaulted a patron while employed as a security officer at Iron Horse Casino.

4. Video surveillance from October 16, 2016 showed Mr. Tia approach a male patron who had just entered the casino, and push him three times, attempting to force the patron to leave.

1 5. The patron then struck Mr. Tia and a fight began between the two in the lounge
2 area, and continued into the gaming pit area. Mr. Tia then punched the male patron in the face.

3 6. Other casino patrons broke up the fight and separated the patron and Mr. Tia.

4 7. As the patron was attempting to leave the casino, Mt. Tia hit him twice in the
5 back of the head. The male patron attempted to re-enter the casino with a gun, but was stopped
6 by two other patrons.

7 8. Mr. Tia provided a written statement to Gambling Commission agents indicating
8 that when he asked the patron to leave the casino, he punched Mr. Tia in the jaw. When Mr. Tia
9 learned the patron was attempting to re-enter the casino with a gun, he called police.

10 9. Director David Trujillo issued administrative charges on March 10, 2017,
11 alleging that Mr. Tia's assault on a casino guest demonstrated a knowing and willful disregard
12 for compliance with the law pursuant to RCW 9.46.075(1) and WAC 230-03-085(3), established
13 that he is a threat to the effective regulation of gambling pursuant to WAC 230-03-085(8), and
14 that he could not show by clear and convincing evidence that he was qualified for licensure as
15 required by RCW 9.46.075(8) and RCW 9.46.153(1), and that his actions warranted revocation
16 of his license pursuant to RCW 9.46.075(1) and (8), and WAC 230-085(1), (3), and (8).

17 10. Mr. Tia was sent the charges by regular and certified mail on March 10, 2017, to
18 his last known address. The Commission received the returned regular mail on March 17, 2017
19 as "Return to Sender, No Such Number, Unable to Forward." The Commission received the
20 returned certified mail on April 4, 2017 as "Return to Sender, Unclaimed, Unable to Forward."

21 11. Commission staff discovered the last known address contained a clerical error.
22 The error was corrected, and charges were re-sent to Mr. Tia via regular and certified mail on
23 April 5, 2017.

24 12. Mr. Tia called the Gambling Commission on May 8, 2017 to ask why his
25 employer could not renew Mr. Tia's gambling license online, and was informed that the reason
26 was the pending administrative case for revocation against him.

1 13. On May 11, 2017, the Commission received the returned certified mail as "Return
2 to Sender, Unclaimed, Unable to Forward."

3 14. To date, the Commission has not received any response from Mr. Tia.

4 **II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

5 1. Mr. Filifili Tia was sent proper notice of the March 10, 2017 charges via first
6 class mail and certified mail on April 5, 2017 under RCW 34.05.434, RCW 34.05.431, and WAC
7 10-08-130.

8 2. The Commission can take final action against Mr. Tia's gambling license under
9 Case Number CR 2016-01835 pursuant to RCW 9.46.075, RCW 34.05.440(1), RCW 34.05.461,
10 and WAC 230-03-085.

11 3. Mr. Tia's license should be revoked under Case Number CR 2016-01835
12 pursuant to RCW 9.46.153(1), RCW 9.46.075(1) and (8), and WAC 230-03-085(1), (3), and (8).

13 **ORDER**

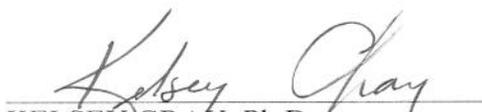
14 This matter having come before the Commission at its July 13, 2017, Commission
15 meeting, the Commissioners having heard arguments, given the chance to review the
16 administrative record, and being fully advised in this matter, now therefore:

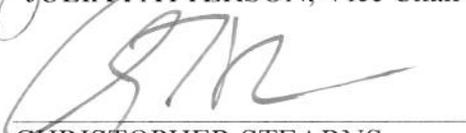
17 It is hereby **ORDERED** that Filifili Tia's gambling license, Number 68-17098, is
18 **REVOKED.**

19 DATED this 13 day of July, 2017.

20 
21 BUD SIZEMORE, Chair


22 JULIA PATTERSON, Vice Chair

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24 KELSEY GRAY, Ph.D.


25 CHRISTOPHER STEARNS

26 ED TROYER
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1 **NOTICE**

2 Reconsideration: RCW 34.05.470 and WAC 230-17-140 provide that a party may file a
3 petition for reconsideration of a final order. A petition for reconsideration must be received no
4 later than thirteen (13) days after the date this final order is mailed. Any motion for
5 reconsideration must state the specific grounds supporting the party's request for
6 reconsideration.

7 Stay of Final Order: Filing for reconsideration does not stay the effectiveness of this
8 Order. WAC 230-17-145 provides that a party may petition the Commission for a stay of a final
9 order. Any petition for a stay should be received by the Commission within thirteen (13) days
10 after the date this final order is mailed.

11 Judicial Review: RCW 34.05.542 provides that a party may appeal this final order by
12 filing a petition for judicial review within thirty (30) days after service of this order. A petition
13 for judicial review must be filed with the appropriate superior court and served upon both the
14 Commission and the Office of the Attorney General.

15 Service: This Order was served on you three days after it was deposited in the United
16 States Postal Service regular mail, excluding the date of mailing. WAC 230-17-035.

17 Any motions or petitions for judicial review should be served on or mailed to:

18 Washington State Gambling Commission
19 Legal and Records Division
20 4565 7th Avenue S.E., Lacey, WA
21 P.O. Box 42400
Olympia, WA 98504-2400

Gregory J. Rosen
Attorney General's Office
1135 Washington St. SE
P.O. Box 40100
Olympia, WA 98504-0100

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on the date below I served a copy of the foregoing document on all parties and/or their counsel by United States Postal Service regular mail to the following:

FILIFILI TIA
26617 111TH PL SE
KENT, WA 98030

EXECUTED this 13 day of July, 2017, at Lacey, Washington.



Haylee Mills
Staff Attorney

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